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Re Docket No. 98N-1038

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you about Docket No. 98N-1038 to comment on the proposed changes to the labeling of irradiated products.

Please retain the current labeling requirements that the FDA established in 1986 to prevent the mislabeling of irradiated foods and enable the public to make informed choices of the substances they put into their bodies.

I do not agree with the altering of foods' chemical structures by irradiation. If this is done to food, I have the right to avoid such foods. The principle way I have of determining what has been done to the foods I purchase is through the labeling of the foods. Please retain the current informed labeling standard.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

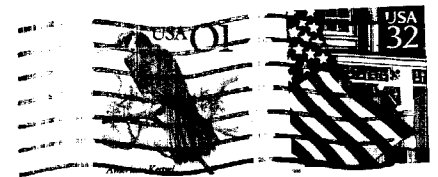


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